R15 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Applications

Purpose of the Award

- Supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists but that have not been major recipients of NIH support

Goals

- To support meritorious research
- To strengthen the research environment of the institution
- To expose undergraduate and/or graduate students to research

Details

- Eligibility is limited to institutions that receive $6 million or less (total costs) in research and training grants in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years
- Project period is limited to 3 years
- Direct costs are limited to $300,000 over the entire project period
- Because R15 grants are multi-year funded awards, the entire budget MUST be requested in Budget Period 1
- This is not a training or fellowship program. The application should include plans to expose students to hands-on research but should not include training plans
- All NIH ICs participate except FIC, NIMHD and NCATS

More Information

- Visit the Parent Announcement through the Parent Announcement page
- Consult the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to read the Application Review Information. Individual Program Announcements and RFAs often have additional review criteria and/or considerations
- To view the review criteria and considerations for unsolicited R15 applications, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/rpg.htm and Review Criteria at-a-Glance.
- Please see the following documents for more information on scoring and critique templates: Scoring System and Procedure, Critique Template Instructions.
- A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm